

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Selectmen  
Thursday October 15, 2015

Present: Selectmen Eric Hevy, Mary Walter, Robert Smith

Also Present: Lt. Governor Karen Polito; Representative Donald Berthiaume and Mrs. Berthiaume; Sean Cronin, Senior Deputy Commissioner, Department of Revenue (Local Services), and Janet Pierce, Executive Director, Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission

The meeting was called to order at 10:08 AM by Chairman Hevy in the Town Offices. The purpose of the meeting was the signing of a Community Compact agreement between the Town of North Brookfield and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

At the outset, Lt. Governor Polito commended the Town for its involvement in the innovative state-wide project, and noted that North Brookfield was the 32<sup>nd</sup> community to sign the Compact agreement. She explained the three areas which the Town had selected for study: regionalization initiatives/sharing of services; long-range planning and financial forecasting; and capital planning. Mr. Hevy said that the Board of Selectmen were committed to exploring regionalization possibilities with other Towns, and noted that North Brookfield already had a regional agreement for EMS/ALS with Brookfield and East Brookfield which was of benefit to residents of all three communities. He also said that creating a process for financial forecasting and capital planning would assist the Town of North Brookfield in its long-range planning.

Lt. Governor Polito indicated that as a result of its participation in the Compact, the Town would receive funds to study each topic, and would have an advantage in any application for State grant funds in the future.

Mr. Hevy signed the Community Compact document on behalf of the Town of North Brookfield; Lt. Governor Polito signed on behalf of the Commonwealth. The Lt. Governor thanked the Town for arranging the signing ceremony.

There being no further business before the Board, a motion was made by Ms. Walter, seconded by Mr. Smith, to adjourn the meeting. The vote was unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 10:46 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Smith